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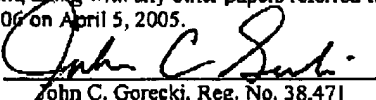
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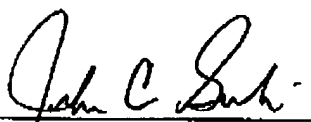
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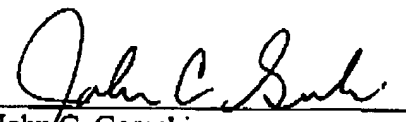
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 6 of this paper.